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STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, ORISSA
SAMABAYA BHAWAN, JANAPATH, BHUBANESWAR-751 022

ORDER

The 7th April 2005

S. R. O. No. 228/2005—Whereas (under Article 243 K of the Constitution), the State Election Commissioner has been vested with the power of Superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of Electoral Rolls for, and the conduct of elections to the Grama Panchayats, Panchayat Samitis and Zilla Parishads in the State;

Whereas General Election to all tiers of Panchayats are held every five years and by-elections are held during the intermittent period to fill up the casual vacancies due to death, resignation or otherwise as envisaged under the Orissa Grama Panchayat Act, 1964, Orissa Panchayat Samiti Act, 1959, Orissa Zilla Parishad Act, 1991, the State Election Commissioner conducts all the direct and indirect elections to all the posts falling vacant casually in all the 3 tiers of the Panchayats during the period between the last General Election and the next General Election;

Whereas as per Rule 4 (2), read with Rule 5 (1) of the Orissa Grama Panchayat Election Rule, 1965, Wardwise Electoral Roll is prepared adopting the Assembly Electoral Roll subject to revision, addition or alteration as per the procedure laid down in Rules 4 to 10;

Whereas Rule 11 of the Orissa Grama Panchayat Election Rule, 1965 prescribes the procedure for preparation and revision of Electoral Roll as envisaged in Rules 4 to 10 shall be applicable for the General Election held either by efflux of time or for any other reason to even a single Grama Panchayat, but such rules shall not, however, be applicable to by-elections held to fill up casual vacancies in any office either due to death, resignation or otherwise;

Whereas the Election Commission of India takes up revision of the Electoral Roll for the Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies in every year and finally publishes the roll and the latest electoral roll was published on the 3rd January 2005.

Whereas Section 9 (2) requires that the Electoral Roll for any Assembly Constituency for the time being in force as relates to the area comprised within a ward shall be entered in a register to be maintained for the ward and such register shall, subject to such revision or the updating as may be necessary, be deemed to be Electoral Roll for the ward.....

Now, therefore, the State Election Commissioner in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 9 of the O. G. P. Act, 1964 (Orissa Act 1 of 1965), read with Rule 85 (3) of the O. G. P. Election Rules, 1965 hereby directs that the Assembly Electoral Roll for the time being in force as it relates to the ward shall be the Electoral Roll in respect of the ward which shall be published and objection or claims thereto shall be entertained after which the Electoral Roll with such revision shall be the Electoral Roll for that ward for the purpose of Election including by-elections.

This order will be effective from the date of its issue.

[No. 1362—Ele.(G. P.)-30/2005-SEC.]

By order & in the name of
State Election Commission, Orissa
H. S. SAMANTRAY
Secretary